(c) No data is available for this road with regard to number of accidents due to existing narrow width of the road.

(d) The upgradation of 118 km under World Bank assistance has commenced in April, 2002 and will take about 2 years for completion. For Najibabad-Kotdwara section, sanction will be accorded after complete detailed project proposal is received. This will take about 2 years for completion after sanction.

National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme

2748. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for NGO's participation under his Ministry;

(b) the details of the amount released under the "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme" since 1998-1999 till 2000-2001, State-wise, and the details of beneficiaries;

(c) whether Government have came to know about misuse of these funds in recent years; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) There are three schemes for Road Safety under this Ministry in which an NGO can participate. Details of these schemes are as given below :—

(i) **Grants-in-aid for administering Road Safety Programmes**

Under this scheme grants-in-aid is provided to NGO's to undertake various types of road safety programmes for raising road safety consciousness among the road users, publicity campaigns on road safety, providing training facilities and medical aid to the victims of road accidents. Any registered Voluntary Organization engaged in research activity or field programmes relating to road safety for a period of at least two years can apply for financial assistance.

(ii) Refresher Training to Heavy Vehicle Drivers in Unorganised Sector

This scheme was formulated in 1997-98 for providing Refresher Training to Heavy vehicle Drivers in Unorganized Sector, as most of the drivers of heavy vehicles do not have access to recognized training institutes and are generally uneducated and untrained. The scheme aims at educating/motivating the drivers to inculcate safe driving habits, rules of the road, understand the road signs and signals, road marks as well as rules and other provisions of Law, to keep the vehicle in road worthy condition and to develop understanding regarding the critical parts of the vehicles namely brake system, steering system, electric system, Tyre etc. Apart from this, medical check up is also done.

(iii) National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)

With a view to provide immediate medical assistance to the victims of road accidents and removing damaged vehicles from the National Highways, a National Highway Patrolling Scheme was finalised during 1993-94, under which Rupees Twenty Five lakhs was provided to States as one time financial assistance for procurement of one 16 ton crane and one ambulance. This scheme has been reviewed and modified in 2000-01 and now is implemented through States Government/UTs and established NGOs in the field of road safety, by providing equipment in place of cash grant.

(b) Requisite details are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

List of the States/NGOs to whom Financial Assistance have been provided for purchase of crane and Ambulance under Nation Highway Patrolling Scheme from the year 1998-99 to 2001-02

(Amount in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Amount
	1998-99	
1.	Delhi	25.00
2.	Sikkim	25.00
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	25.00
4.	Meghalaya	25.00
5.	Manipur	25.00
6.	Pondicherry	25.00
7.	Chandigarh	25.00
8.	Bihar	25.00
	1999-2000	
9.	Karnataka	25.00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	25.00
11.	Gujarat	25.00
12.	Haryana	25.00
13.	Assam	25.00
14.	West Bengal	25.00
15.	Uttar Pradesh	25.00
16.	Madhya Pradesh	25.00
17.	Mizoram	25.00
18.	Tamil Nadu	25.00
19.	Rajasthan	25.00

2000-2001

Sl.	No. Name of the States/UTs./NGOs	Ambulances	Cranes
20.	Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (Ambulance only)	28	—
21.	M/s Lok Manya Medical Foundation Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra	2	—
22.	M/s Automobile Association of Southern India AASI Centre, 187, Anna Salai Chennai, Tamil Nadu	2	—
23.	M/s Karunodaya Seva Sansthan, Baracha, Mirzapur Uttar Pradesh	2	—
24.	M/s Zoram Drivers Union, Bawngkawan, Aizwal, Mizoram	1	—
25.	M/s Manipur Truck Owners Welfare Association, M.G. AVENUE Imphal, Manipur	1	—
26.	Association for Welfare of Backward classes in Sikkim, Gurpisey, Namachi, South Sikkim.	1	—
27.	M/s Rural Youth Coordination Centre, Amnour, Distt.-Saran, Bihar	1	—
28.	Institute of Road Traffic Education, New Delhi.	8	—
29.	Highway Users Centre, Mumbai (Ambulance Transferred to Lokmanya Medical Foundation On State Government advice)	1	—

NOTE* Cranes have been provided to these NGOs during the subsequent years *i.e.* 2001-2002.

2001-2002

30.	Assam	3	1
31.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	1
32.	Jharkhand	1	—
33.	Delhi	2	1
34.	Meghalaya	2	1

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.//NGOs	Ambulances	Cranes
35.	Haryana	6	6
36.	Maharashtra	1	1
37.	Manipur	2	1
38.	Gujarat	3	—
39.	Punjab	2	—
40.	Sikkim	2	1
41.	Uttaranchal	1	1
42.	Bihar	1	—
43.	M/s Lok Manya Medical Foundation Pune, MAHARASHTRA	—	1
44.	M/s Automobile Association of Southern India Chennai, TAMIL NADU	—	1
45.	M/s Karunodaya Seva Sansthan, Baracha, Mirzapur, UTTAR PRADESH	—	1
46.	M/s Zoram Drivers Union, Bawngkawan, Aizwal, MIZORAM	—	1
47.	M/s Manipur Truck Owners Welfare Association M.G. AVENUE Imphal, MANIPUR	—	1
48.	Association for Welfare of Backward classes in Sikkim, Gurpisey, Namchi, South Sikkim.	—	1
49.	M/s Rural Youth Coordination Centre, Amnour; Distt.-Saran, Bihar	—	1
50.	Institute of Road Traffic Education, New Delhi (Goa Branch)	—	1